

for valor in action against an enemy force bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services.

My father, the late Congressman Edward R. Roybal, himself a World War II veteran, was extremely grateful to Private Obregon and the many other men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. My father was among the founding members of Post 804, and it was always important to him that Memorial Day be observed with a heartfelt and patriotic tribute to the fallen. If my father were with us today, he would be the first to commend Post 804 for its 60-year tradition of organizing these poignant Memorial Day services.

This year, the American Legion Post 804 will be holding an inspirational 24-hour Memorial Day Patriotic Vigil. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 27 and conclude on Monday, Memorial Day, May 28 at 10 a.m. The conclusion of the vigil will mark the beginning of the Post's Memorial Day service at Cinco Puntos in East Los Angeles, and the entire community has been invited to participate.

Many of the Post's 150 members who will participate in the service know firsthand the toll that war takes on our brave men and women who serve. The Post's membership includes veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf.

In addition to the Post's Memorial Day service, Post 804 supports and sponsors a number of important community events throughout the year, including Veterans Day services at Atlantic Park in East Los Angeles, a toy drive for the Children of Brooklyn Avenue School, school presentations on the American Flag and Patriotism, and voter registration and blood drives.

The Post is also home to Sons of the American Legion Post 804 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4696, including its Ladies Auxiliary. The Los Angeles Chapter of the Hispanic Airborne Association, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association, and the Rice Patties Jumpers Chapter of 187th Regiment also call the Post home.

Madam Speaker, I salute Post 804 for its patriotic and meaningful work in the community and for steadfastly holding true to its basic tenants to safeguard "the principles of justice, freedom and democracy" and "to promote peace and goodwill on earth . . ." Through its efforts in organizing Memorial Day services and its other important community undertakings, the Post serves as a living memorial to our men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Eugene A. Obregon American Legion Post 804 on the occasion of its 60th Annual Memorial Day Service at Cinco Puntos in East Los Angeles, and in commending the Post for its dedication to preserving the memories of our brave soldiers to ensure that we "never forget."

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**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents,

Mr. Zachary Barter of Brown University. Mr. Barter is a teaching student and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Barter and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall Nos. 397 through 402. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, and 402.

#### TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING VALPARAISO, INDIANA NOON KIWANIS CLUB VOLUNTEERS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend nine exceptional individuals from Northwest Indiana who have been recognized as outstanding volunteers by the Valparaiso, Indiana Noon Kiwanis Club. These individuals are: Judy Back, Elizabeth "Bette" Brown, Bob Buhle, Chelsey Dunleavy, Michele Hale, Sandy Jenkins, Beverly Overmyer, Pat Puffer, and Rob Thorgren. These honorees will be recognized at the Sixth Annual Valparaiso Kiwanis Club Foundation Volunteer Recognition Program, which will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso. This annual event recognizes the efforts of outstanding community volunteers and celebrates the spirit of volunteerism in Valparaiso.

Judy Back, of the Salvation Army, has been a constant role model and a true inspiration to her community through her many volunteer efforts. Having served on and chaired many boards throughout the years, Judy has been extremely active in her efforts with the Porter County Angel Tree Program, a program that provides children with gifts and families with food for the holidays. Judy has also been active in many other facets of the Salvation Army, as well as the Purdue North Central Women's Association, of which she was the founding president.

Bette Brown, a retired teacher with the Valparaiso Community Schools, has enriched the lives of countless students over the years. Since her retirement, she has continued to volunteer at Valparaiso High School, serving as front desk person. In this capacity, Bette is

in charge of greeting visitors and guiding them on their visits. In addition, she plays an important role in the safety of the students by making sure that all visitors are authorized and accounted for. Furthermore, Bette has been active in the Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors (VOLTS) program, as well as the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, a program aimed at introducing children to classical music.

Bob Buhle has served in many capacities for the Hilltop Neighborhood House for several years, including Board President and Vice President. In addition, he has been instrumental in the construction of the Hilltop Community Health Center, as well as a dedicated member of the organization's Board Development Committee and Finance and Audit Committee. Not only has Bob dedicated himself to Hilltop, he has also donated much of his time and efforts to Habitat for Humanity.

Chelsey Dunleavy, a peer tutor in the Life Skills Program at Valparaiso High School, has served as President of the HOPE Club for the past two years. As a volunteer in the Life Skills Program, Chelsey devotes her spare time to helping students with special needs. As President of the HOPE Club, she plans and supervises activities and events and does so in a manner that allows everyone to participate. Chelsey is also very active in her church, where she teaches Sunday school, as well as in various other programs at Valparaiso High School. In performing any tasks, Chelsey is known for her ability to excel far beyond any expectations, and more impressively, to do so without expecting anything in return.

An avid runner, Michele Hale, has been a volunteer with Opportunity Enterprises for the past seven years. Pairing her love for long-distance running with her commitment to serve her community, Michele leads the Opportunity Enterprises' Lake County Marathon Training Team and also serves as the organizer for an annual charity bike run. Michele also serves as President of the Calumet Region Striders and contributes much of her efforts to the Cancer Foundation, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

Sandy Jenkins, a volunteer for the Porter Auxiliary, has contributed countless hours to the organization and the people it serves. While her primary duty is to provide information for visitors at the front desk, Sandy has always welcomed additional responsibilities with the Auxiliary and has served in a secretarial capacity and in public relations as well. For her efforts and her unwavering dedication to the Porter Auxiliary, Sandy has even been featured in the Stay Healthy magazine.

A volunteer with the Independent Cat Society, Beverly Overmyer has fully dedicated herself to the organization. Among other roles, Beverly has served on the Board of Directors, as Corresponding Secretary, writer for the Newsletter, room parent, co-chair of the public relations committee, and in many fundraising capacities. Though extremely committed to the Independent Cat Society, Beverly also finds time to volunteer for the Taltree Arboretum, where she serves as an instructor and prepares materials for field trips, and is very active in the Kankakee Valley Historical Society.

Pat Puffer is being honored for her many efforts in the community, most notably, her work with the Porter-Stark Services Foundation.